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Patent Application Of: Rusin et al.

For: One Piece Header Assembly Over Molded To An Implantable Medical Device

the specification of which is being transmitted herewith.

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2. Attached is Form PTO-1449. Legible copies of all items listed accompany this IDS.

3. A concise explanation of the possible relevance of the listed information items is as follows:

U.S. Patent No. 4,254,775 to Langler shows an implantable defibrillator with a multi-component lid which is configured to mate with the device case and also carries insulated feed-throughs.

U.S. Patent No. 4,471,783 to Buffet describes a cardiac stimulator. A fluid-tight "cell" 12 containing one or more electronic circuits 13 and output terminals closes the open end of a case 2 containing a current generating means. Welding is used to seal the cell 12 to the case 2. Then, the free space left between the fluid-tight cell 12 and the case 2 is filled with electrolyte.

U.S. Patent No. 65,643,328 to Cooke et al. describes an implantable medical device including a header for closing the device case 12. The header is provided with sockets. The disclosure at column 4, lines 1 through 13, describes a casting process for the header using epoxy.

U.S. Patent 5,282,841 to Szyszkowski describes an

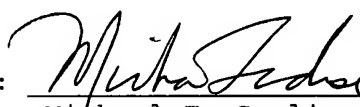
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electrical connector comprised of feedthrough terminals and
connector blocks used in an implantable medical device encased
in a block of insulated epoxy or similar material.

4. The remaining patents on the attached Form PTO 1449 were
located during a patentability search.

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